



THE CHALLENGER

JUN 2026



Rev. Dr. Jonathan King

Friends,

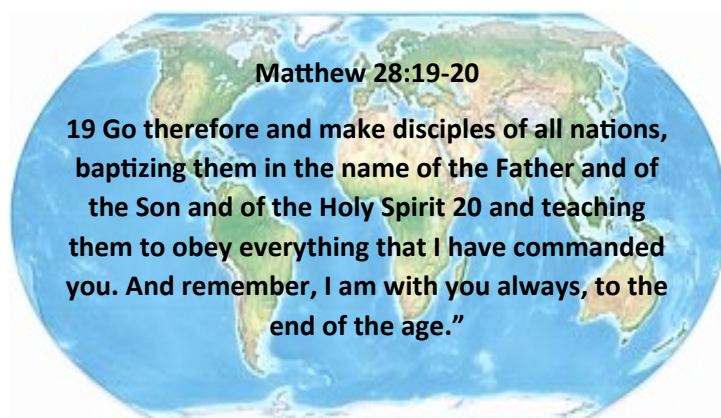
I celebrate with you hosting the 5th grade graduation for Forrest Hill Elementary. I celebrate our recent visitors and new members of God's church! I celebrate meeting yesterday with a scout representative as we work on re-starting scouting on our campus. Besides a few minor tweaks, the Community Building in the back of our property is ready to receive scouts. We had a great Mother's Day celebration and a great Pentecost celebration. We continue to offer a place for youth and children on Sunday evening starting at 5:30pm.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate Father's Day this month and we are looking forward to continuing the celebration of July 4th on Sunday July 5th.

What continues to be important is sharing our Faith through the invite cards. You can receive one on Sunday and the challenge is to share that with one person during the week:

- 1) Share an experience you have had of the love of Christ in your life.
- 2) Share the invite card
- 3) Invite who you are talking with to an activity on the invite card. Make sure you will be present at that activity.

We are meant to share the love of Christ with everyone!



With Joy, Pastor Jonathan

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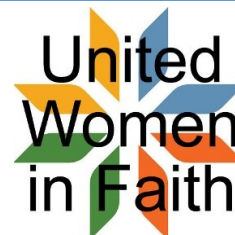
WHEN: Jun 5 @ 9 AM
WHERE: Quilt Room
 If you would like to volunteer to help Prayers and Squares, contact Janice Crawford at 318-780-7400.



WHEN: Jun 1 @ 12 PM
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
 AARP meets the first Monday of each month. Come and see what AARP membership has to offer.



WHEN: Jun 3 @ 7 AM
WHERE: Denny's on Mansfield
 Have breakfast your way while you enjoy fellowship and a devotion.



WHEN:
WHERE:
 Grace Circle will not meet June through August. They will resume their regular meeting schedule in September.



WHEN: June 9 @ 11 AM
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
 Christ Seniors in Action meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for a potluck lunch and community-oriented program. Our speaker is Jasmin Fitzpatrick of Faithful Fit Nutrition, who will speak to us about nutrition issues. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy the fellowship while you hear an interesting presentation.

CHRIST UMC PICKLEBALL



WHEN: Thursdays 6 to 8 PM
 Sundays 5 to 7 PM
WHERE: Christ UMC Gym
 Whether you're a seasoned pro or a curious beginner, all are welcome!



Our pull tab collections are given to support the Ronald McDonald House on the Willis-Knighton South campus. You can bring your tabs to the collection box in the church office or take them to the RMH. Thanks for supporting our local Ronald McDonald House!



June 11
 Barbara Willis

June 24
 Susi Thomason

June 23
 Charlotte Bean
 Jackie Michaelis

June 25
 Ann Marrs

Annual Conference—Jun 9-12

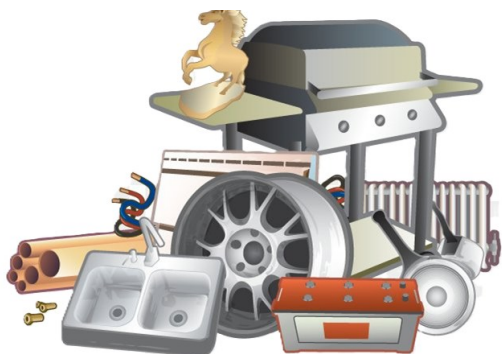
The Louisiana UMC Annual Conference will be held in Baton Rouge from June 9 through June 12. Pastor Jonathan, Peggy Evans, and Jimmy Barnhill will be attending to represent Christ UMC. Rev Willis Dear will be available during that time should any pastoral needs arise. Please join us in praying for a successful and fruitful annual conference this year, and for travel mercies for all delegates who will be traveling to Baton Rouge.



June 21st

Happy Father's Day to all our dads, and to all the grandfathers, uncles, friends, teachers, and more who have filled that role in a child's life!

Need Help Hauling Away Old Appliances?



Don't forget that Bill Ward can help you by hauling away any recyclable metal items you may need to get rid of: appliances, old Christmas lights, grills—anything metal. Give him a call at 318-455-9402 and he will be happy to help.

Thank you from Common Ground



Dear Rev. Dr. King and Good Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$70.00. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and your belief in our mission.

We are still helping some of our friends work through the impact of the unfathomable tragedy that occurred in Cedar Grove on April 20th. While we are not aware of any direct connections these families have to Common Ground, we know that the children were schoolmates of some of our Common Ground kids, and that our whole community is rocked to the core by this tragedy unfolding in our streets.

At Common Ground, our foundation is Christ's command from Matthew 22 to love God and love our neighbor. We are steadfastly continuing our work by:

Feeding people through our Food Pantry and Community Meal.

Providing safe places and loving relationships for children and teenagers through our Youth Program, Girls of Grace, and Summer Camp.

Connecting with local schools and community organizations to support children and their families.

Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of the children, families, and neighbors we serve. We love our partnership with the good folks of Christ UMC!

With sincere gratitude, Lisa Cronin

A Message from Rev. Tom Howe



Rev. Tom sent the following message to Pastor Jonathan: "Afternoon! I want to express my deepest appreciation to the church for continuing me on the prayer list. Today the doctors shared that I am now in remission!!! It's through prayer and good doctors that I am alive and I give thanks!!" What great news we have received, and what a living testament to the power of prayer!

Legacy Giving



A Bequest in Your Will:

- Allows you to maintain control of your assets throughout your lifetime
- Enables you to fully provide for your spouse and family first
- Creates a legacy of faith, love and hope
- Costs you nothing now, yet makes an eternal difference

Volunteer Spotlight

Danny Crawford

We are shining the spotlight on our CUMC member, Danny Crawford. Danny and his wife, Janice, have been members for approximately 40 years! Janice and Danny have one son, Mark, and a “grand-dog” named Bosco. Danny is the brother of our choir director Ronnie Crawford.

Danny retired from Caddo Parish School Board after 46 years as a Special Education teacher and later an Educational Diagnostician. He currently serves as a member of the Higher Education Committee at our church. Danny can often be seen trimming shrubbery and sprucing up the flower beds around our campus. He has also been caught cutting down an unsightly shrub with a “handsaw,” which took some muscle and determination! He enjoys planting flowers and working in his own yard. Danny is often seen behind the camera in our audio booth while streaming our Sunday services online.

Danny also serves as the Legislative Representative for the Caddo Retired Teachers, keeping us all informed of what’s going on in Baton Rouge and current bills that may affect our retirement. Also, you probably didn’t know this (I didn’t either) -Danny loves old cars and has volunteered at classic car shows in Carmel, California, Florida, and Rhode Island.

Danny loves traveling and has been all over the United States, Europe and the Orient. He has been going to Disneyland since the age of 10 and has returned there and to Disneyworld many times. I guess he’s still a kid at heart!

Danny, we appreciate all that you do for Christ United Methodist Church and its ministry.



Christ UMC Prayer Lists

Members

Jerry Bruce
Kay Dixon
Sue Elliott
Henry Hutson
Faye Jackson

Liz Meek
Jackie & Les Michaelis
Jackie Moore
Susan Musgrove
Mary Ann Page

Mary Sue Rich
Family of Jerry Talley
Family of Ed Thomason
Bill Ward

Shut-Ins, Rehab, Nursing Home

Louise Brandt
Carole Cragon
Clara Lathrem
Ann Maxwell
Ray Mitchell

Beth Roblow
Rita Schuckers
Jean Wisinger

**"THE PRAYER OF
FAITH WILL SAVE THE
SICK, AND THE LORD
WILL RAISE THEM UP,
AND ANYONE WHO HAS
COMMITTED SINS WILL
BE FORGIVEN.**

JAMES 5:15

Relatives and Friends

Charles & Janet Bradley
Bunny Buttermann
Jill Carroll
Leslie Collins
Linda Colvin
Johnnie Covington
Wanda Cunningham
Lorraine Desporte
Millie Diaz
Marilou Dillehay
Kenny Farrell
Wayne Floyd
Mary Griffin

Robin Grubbs
Patti Hartsell
James Hills
Brian Hope
David Houston
Rev. Tom Howe
Kathy & Jerry Humphries
Family of Paula Linn
Ed Long
Michael Mayence
James & Pat McClure
Laurie McCrocklin

Dale Miers
Family of Merry Nell
Miller
Leanne Moore
Lynn Murphree
Carl Pendley
Rosemary Short
Alan Tennille
Lacye Tennille
Richard Tennille
Crew Tidwell
Gard Wayt
Mark Wilburn

Memorials and Honoraria

Financial Report

APRIL 2026

APR INCOME	\$ 46,788.88	YTD INCOME	\$ 147,617.39
APR EXPENSES	40,864.50	YTD EXPENSE	145,898.92
APR NET INCOME :	\$ 5,924.38	YTD NET INCOME	\$ 1,718.47

On-line Giving with Vanco

Through our website or the Vanco smartphone app, you can:

- Pay your monthly tithe
- Give a memorial or honoraria gift
- Make donations to organizations that Christ UMC supports
- Pay your communion offering

- Pay for special events or purchases

To log in and create an on-line account, you can click this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJE2/home>

You can also use this QR code to set up your Vanco account.

If you have any questions about using Vanco, please call the office at 686-2553 and Vivian Locking can help you get started.



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June Communion Offering

Gingerbread House

Our June communion offering will be given in support of the Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center, a community-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in close collaboration with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families. The Center assists in gathering necessary evidence and documenting the victim's verbal testimony for criminal prosecution and related proceedings. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process in such a way that prevents further victimization. The Gingerbread House provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members, so that the healing process can begin. You can learn more by clicking this link: <https://gingerbreadhousecac.org/>



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Attendance May 2026

	Worship	On-Line	Sunday School	P'Ball Church
May 3	58	3	20	18
May 10	51	0	19	18
May 17	60	3	22	26
May 24	57	3	17	14
May 31	54	3	23	25

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Romans 8:1-2